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INDEFINITE EMPLOYEES MAY GET PERMANENT STATUS IF CIVILSERVICE PLAN NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION MEETS APPROVAL

More Than 150,000 Workers
Would Be Affected

By
Rector B. Meyer

A new plan to convert indefinite employees to permanent status is being considered by the Civil Service Commission.

It has been proposed that those agencies with "stabilized" employment be permitted to appoint permanent status employees up to their September, 1950, levels as now authorized by the Whitten rider.

Presumably only Army, Navy and Air Force personnel would not convert immediately under such a policy, or else they would make only limited use of it. Most other agencies could be expected to take advantage of the plan.

CSS COMMODITY OFFICE GIVES
SUPPORT TO POLIO CAMPAIGN

Employees of the CSS Commodity Office contributed more than \$50 to the POLIO drive which ended on February 5. Yvonne S. Kile, receptionist, served as solicitor-in-charge at 3306 Main Street.

The number of permanent jobs in Government has declined steadily since September, 1950, when they were restricted by the enactment of the Whitten rider.

Today there are upward of 750,000 indefinites throughout the Federal service. Upward of 150,000 of them could be converted to permanent status, if the proposed plan is approved. - (From: Federal Civil Service Bi-weekly Newsletter dated February 3, 1954)

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN
IS NOW IN PROGRESS

The current Red Cross campaign is now under way - let's all cooperate with the key-men when they make their contacts. Remember they are donating their service as well as their contributions.

The Red Cross was criticised during World War II by such statements as the Red Cross charged for cigarettes. Did they sell blood to GI's? Or refuse them loans? (Continued to Page 3)

COUNTY OFFICES WILL HAVE
MORE FHA RESPONSIBILITY

In the recent reorganization of Farmers Home Administration, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra T. Benson has emphasized that many of the steps will place more responsibility on employees in the county offices and county committees.

The Secretary stated, "I believe that in most cases the best decision is the one made by local people familiar with local conditions."

FEBRUARY

February is the month
of famous men-
Both Lincoln and
Washington -
Their lives began.
No greater men have
yet been born
To compare with the
grandure
Of these two men.

Valentine thoughts
are also then
Cheery thoughts and
true;
Because 'twas meant
they should be sent
To friendly folks
like you!

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supplying the answers and
turning in your items?

Let's make the USDA
Club News a Package of
Surprises each week.
Okay?

-The Staff-

FEBRUARY

Did you know that
February used to be
the last month in the
year?

Way back in 452
B. C. the Anglo-Saxons
changed February from
the last month of the
year to the second
month. At that time
it was called "Kale
sprout" because that
was the month cabbage
sprouted.

Then old Augustus
Caesar wanted a month
named in his honor.
Of course he could not
be content unless it
had as many days as
July, the month that
was named after Julius
Caesar. So he just
lopped a day off Feb-
ruary so that August
would have as many
days as July and that
is why we only have
28 days in February.

ST. LOUIS FHA OFFICE EXPECTED TO EXPAND

The Denver, Dallas,
St. Louis and Montgomery
area finance offices and
National fiscal division
of Farmers Home Adminis-
tration have recently
been combined into one
office at St. Louis.

It is expected that
practically all of the
work of the area offices
and the Washington fi-
nance division will be
transferred there by
May 1.

Don't forget to support
THE RED CROSS DRIVE!!!

THE USDA CLUB NEWS EXPRESSES SYMPATHY TO:

By Evelyn Handley

ESTHER LYNN, in the re-
cent death of her mother.

BERNICE FRICKE, whose
husband, Carl, suffered a
fatal heart attack on
February 8th.

RUSSELL A. VERNON, in
the death of his wife, Vir-
ginia, on February 17th.

MRS. ALLEN CLAYTON in
the death of her sister,
Mrs. Eula Wadsworth.

MARGENE CANALES in the
passing of the aunt who
reared her, Mrs. C. K. Kir-
by of Whitesboro, Texas.

JEAN C. CHILDRE in the
death of her father, L. C.
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RED CROSS DRIVE

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This organization has never sold cigarettes. If any cigarettes were sold during the war, it was because the shipments were switched accidentally or fell into the wrong hands, sometimes the black market.

The Red Cross serves only as a collection agency for blood and cannot sell blood to anyone. Loans may have been refused to some G.I.'s because of limitations on the use of funds contributed by the people of the United States. A loan cannot be given to everyone who applies, as the loans were for temporary assistance in time of emergency and where the needs were approved by the military.

Other rumors versus the Red Cross have made their rounds but the organization has proved itself over and over again.

Talk with people of the disaster regions in the United States. They tell you the facts. To victims of disaster aid is never sold. All effected are eligible for shelter, food, and if needed clothing and medical attention. And in rehabilitation disaster victims are helped on the basis of need.

Let's all open our hearts to this worthy cause!

STAFF INCREASE INCLUDES
TWO FORMER EMPLOYEES

By Harland Wright

An increase in personnel in the Commodity Specialist Staff, CSS, includes two former employees; namely, E. L. Deal and Earl Hopper.

Mr. Deal transferred from Dallas to the New Orleans office and is now back in Dallas, assisting in the sales program on kenaf, seeds, castor beans and peanuts.

Earl Hopper left us to take advantage of the G.I. Bill of rights. He completed courses in business administration at SMU before returning to CSS.

Mrs. Marie Rheinlander, another veteran of government service, has been assigned duty in the processed foods section, General Commodities.

Mrs. Dorothy Isacksen and Mrs. Juanita Brown are new employees in the Grain Section.

THE PAY RAISE ISSUE

With Congress back in session nearly every Congressman has tossed a bill, urging a pay raise for Federal employees, into their respective "hoppers."

With all things taken into consideration, it looks very much as though postal and classified workers can expect some sort of an increase soon.

CSS GRAIN SECTION HAS
VARIETY OF SALES UNDER
THE EXPANDED PROGRAMS

By Harland Wright

The operations in the Grain Section of CSS offer a variety that is interesting. Since December 11, 1953, this Section has been selling wheat for export as flour to mills. The flour is exported all over Latin America, West Indies and the Far East as far as Japan, as well as points in Europe.

Sale has just been completed on a large quantity of Austrian Peas. Some common vetch and alfalfa seed also have been sold.

The Section is awaiting the transfer of a large quantity of cover crop seed, as well as grain and soybeans from the New Orleans office. Most of the commodities are showing up in the Dallas inventory and will be sold as rapidly as possible.

Drought relief shipments have increased since the Dallas office assumed supervision of the former New Orleans area.

Wheat and corn are shipped to North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

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FOR SALE

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CSS GRAIN SECTION, etc.
(Cont'd. from Page 3)

Shipments to Florida are for flood relief only. These shipments are made from the Dallas, Kansas City and Chicago areas.

Since considerable detail work is necessary in connection with these movements additional help was needed. New employees in this Section are Dorothy Isackson and Juanita Brown.

CSS A&S SECTION
HAS TEMPORARY LULL

The Allocation and Shipping Section is engaged in the reconcentration of a large volume of peanuts into several ports especially Panama City, Florida, Savannah, Georgia, and some to the ports of Houston. In addition to this, car lot shipments of wheat are being made into the drought areas of Oklahoma, Alabama, Arkansas, Texas and New Mexico.

Several cars have been shipped on sales to replace wheat used by feed mills on formulas prescribed for drought relief. Since the activity at Gulf ports has been drastically reduced about the only activity is reconcentration moves in grain from country points and loading orders on wheat being sold for export as flour. With numerous sales programs shaping up there will be considerable activity in the near future. So far it has not been necessary to employ additional people in this Section.

The other day an old

navy boy mentioned the absence of icebergs in the North Atlantic for the last several years which reminded me to conclude this article with the story of the three polar bears sitting on an iceberg.

"Now," said the father polar bear, "I've got a tale to tell."

"I, too," said the mother polar bear, "have a tale to tell."

The little polar bear looked at his parents and said, "My tail is told."

A. E. MORRIS
RETURNS FROM
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

By Lucile Dickey

A. E. Morris, Head of Traffic Section, CSS, returned to the Dallas office February first after spending a week in Atlanta, Georgia and Mobile, Alabama.

His primary purpose in going to Atlanta was to make a study of rules and principals in shipping grain, soybeans, peanuts, etc. through the Southern and Southeastern ports. In Mobile, Alabama he made a survey of the port facilities.

Mr. Morris must have done a good job of creating friendly relationships with the Southern railroads representatives, since before he left on his trip this office was in dire need of tariffs covering

the new "take over" Southeastern states; now the much needed tariffs are literally pouring into the office from the various railroad offices. Good work, Colonel Morris!

H. C. GOODPASTURE
VISITS PLANTS & WHSES.
IN VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

By Clara Mae Cannefax

Effective January 16, 1954 certain activities were transferred from the New Orleans Commodity office to the Dallas commodity office including the Naval stores program work, primarily centered in the Southern states.

As a result of this transfer, H. C. Goodpasture, Chief of the fiscal division of the Dallas commodity office, paid a visit to the American Turpentine Farmers Association Cooperative on February 2, visiting several of the plants and warehouses where rosin and turpentine are produced, packaged, and stored.

The activities of the turpentine and rosin producing industry were described generally as falling within three major competitive categories, as follows:

1. The Naval Stores Industry
2. The Pulp Wood Industry

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H.C. GOODPASTURE, etc.
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3. The Stump Wood Industry

The Naval Stores Industry merchandises oleoresin derived from living pines. The Pulp Wood Industry derives oleoresin as a by-product from the processing of pulp. The Stump Wood Industry, as the name implies, derives the product from stump wood.

The American Turpentine Farmers Association Cooperative is a bona fide cooperative, comprised of approximately 4,500 producer members, which has operated profitably for a number of years. It has been responsible for a great improvement in the merchandising and distribution of naval stores program products.

Several plants and warehouses under contract with ATFA were visited by Mr. Goodpasture. One of these warehouses is now storing approximately 120,000 drums of rosin on their premises as well as a considerable quantity of turpentine; while another plant visited is a major distributor of turpentine shipping bulk and packaged turpentine all over the United States and into many foreign countries, under the ATFA (American Turpentine Farmers Association) trademark.

Problems of mutual interest were discussed and Mr. Goodpasture reported that the officials of the American Turpentine Farmers Association Cooperative were pleased that a

representative of the Dallas CSS commodity office visited them promptly after the transfer of related activities from New Orleans.

R E S O L U T I O N S:

PASSED BY:

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DALLAS USDA CLUB IN THEIR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 17, 1954

Since God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst the companion of our fellow-member, Russell A. Vernon:

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT, WHEREAS to each of us must come a time when we have no desire to smile or hum the slightest tune and that our troubles seem beyond our strength, we try to understand the sorrow of our member and we wish to extend our desire to share his sorrow.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT, WHEREAS in the past we have known laughter and companionship with our fellow-worker, may we be comforted by knowing that as God may give so God may take. It is not ours to question Him, for our sorrow and our tragedy are His divine command.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT, WHEREAS we do not understand why someone lives and someone has to die--possibly some of the young die because their lives have been so busy

and their deeds of kindness so many that their work is finished in a shorter length of time than is allotted to man and it isn't how long you live but how much you live that counts--let us be comforted in the fact that the decision is God's.

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT, WHEREAS we are not unmindful of the responsibility placed upon our fellow-member in the rearing of the two year old son, we feel that it is only a positive and challenging appeal to the best that is within our highly esteemed fellow-member to reach for the ever present golden opportunities and to realize the great things in store.

BE IT RESOLVED: That to RUSSELL A. VERNON, our fellow-member, we appreciate the privilege to extend our heartfelt sympathy to you when the sky is dull and gray, because we know you deserve the best that life can hold. In the days ahead, may we continue to share life's sorrows and joy with you.

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SPORTS CHATTER

By David M. Wells

Another USDA worker with an outstanding sports record:

E.W. (Pat) WINTON of CSS CO, Fiscal Accounting, is a former national champion in the little-known but difficult sport of roque. (Webster rhymes the pronunciation with coke but you can pronounce it to rhyme with book and not be considered a square). This sport is related to the ancient lawn game of croquet that your grandmother thought was real cool. The kinship is quite distant, however, and grandma would really have had it if she were ever foolish enough to try to match wickets and mallets with a real gone roque player. According to most roque fans, grandma wouldn't have fared as well as Nell in the First Reader would come off in a quiz game against Professor Einstein.

Winton took the national singles title just after graduating from high school in his home town of Greenville, Texas. In so doing, he also took title to the small bundle of cash offered as first prize in the tournament. At this point, however, Lady Luck and Pat seem to have parted company. Young Winton was grateful, but the Lady (just like all women) was vengeful. And just like all women, hers was a clever revenge. She

had Pat Winton declared a professional athlete, thereby depriving him of a scholarship at Rice Institute earned through brilliant high school football achievements. So, instead of going to college, Pat Winton came to work for USDA. As Pat philosophically puts it, "You might say I was rooked." (What's your reason?)

Belated but sincere congratulations to a national champion!

Coffee-break talk has revealed interest in a bowling league and in a softball team. I'm 35, married, and neutral but it seems that the softball team is a better deal from the viewpoint of more spectator interest and the attendant socializing that the USDA Club strives to promote. Softball is less expensive and requires fewer participants. Lastly, it puts one out in the fresh air, and that's something which is certainly not in surplus supply with most office workers.

If you're interested in either or both of the above, contact Billy Howell on Station 2159 or Billy Cox on 449.

Local television show:

Question: Name the two most famous sports of the ancient world. (Clue: One Roman and the other Egyptian).

Answer: Anthony and Cleopatra.

Like I started to say in

last month's paper, the summons issued to me by Emperor Roy Hutchison directed that I was to write about sports, which may or may not be concerned with athletics.

Next month's reporter, Billy Cox, should have no difficulties because of my having exhausted all material. While this is only one man's opinion, I feel confident that for once this opinion is shared by the great majority.

"AULD LANG SYNE"

By Lucille Dickey

Of interest to some of the "Old Timers" of this agency was the visit of Rebecca Riley (fondly called Becky) in Dallas during January. As many of us will remember, Becky was the secretary to Latham White until about 1944 when she moved to Indianapolis, Indiana.

During her visit here, Loretta Erwin, also a former employee, had a party in Becky's honor. The afternoon was spent talking over old times, eating snacks, and, last but not least inspecting Loretta's beautiful new home at 6642 De Loache. Those attending were Laurissa Heck, Faye (Raye) Whisnant, Janelle Jackson, Juanita Wilcox, Neva Russell, Bava Stillely, Hilda Bess Warren and Ruby Hash.

Give to your Red Cross!

WANNER RETURNS
FROM FIELD TRIP

By W. C. Yeager

Lee R. Wanner, Chief, Field Operations Division, has recently completed field trips to the State Offices at Little Rock, Arkansas; Nashville, Tennessee; Jackson, Mississippi and Alexandria, Louisiana, for the purpose of meeting the personnel comprising the ASC State Committees of the states recently added to the jurisdiction of the Dallas CSS commodity office on certain commodities.

An important topic of discussion was the inventories of grain, farm stored and warehouse stored which will become the property of CCC on the take-over.

INCLUDE CABBAGE
IN YOUR MENUS

Large quantities of cabbage are now being shipped from the Valley in Texas. These shipments combined with shipments of storage cabbage result in extra heavy marketings at attractive prices.

"Serve cabbage in some form this month," states the Food Distribution Branch, USDA. "Use slaw, serve creamed or buttered cabbage or cabbage with cheese sauce. Take your choice but include it in your menus. Solve your vegetable problem by taking advantage of this plentiful supply."

BILL OVERBECK'S
HAVE NEW ROOMER

By Ozelle Waller

John Steven is the name of the newcomer now making his home at the H. William Overbeck residence. Big 7 lb., 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. John, began rooming and boarding there at 1:02 a.m., January 22.

H. William, known to all his friends as Bill, is market news chief, AMS Information Services. He does your market news broadcast which you hear every day at noon on the Murray Cox show, radio station WFAA.

SHALL WE HAVE A PARTY?

Do you wish to have a farewell party for the FHA on Friday night, March 19, at the VFW Club? Just a get together to bid Bon Voyage? There will be six door prizes - a donation of 25¢ per ticket for these prizes. Proceeds will go into USDA Club funds. Dancing admission per couple 50¢.

Vote for or against and return this slip or phone your answer by Wednesday, March 3, 3 o'clock p.m. to R. N. Richardson.

PHONE ST 5611, EXT 2269

FOR THE PARTY _____

AGAINST THE PARTY _____

BETSY MCKISSACK
BRINGS HER FAME
BACK TO DALLAS

By Corre Curtice

Mrs. Alice McKissack, CSS Traffic Section, is back in the same old harness again after having spent the past few months in Washington, D.C. While in the Capitol, she was a busy person dancing attendance to her talented daughter, Betsy.

You see, Betsy is quite a singer. It all began in Dallas last summer when she won an audition contest for "Hill-billy Singers" and appeared on Big "D" Jamboree for a three week's engagement. When the family got to Washington, she auditioned at WARL in Arlington, Virginia, and as a result made regular appearances with Jimmy Dean and his Texas Wild Cats from that station. She was a regular singer for the Saturday afternoon Lawn Party also a feature of WARL.

Betsy sang on many special benefit programs and on Potomac moonlight cruises appeared along with Ernest Tubbs, Hank Snow, Kitty Wells and others. Jimmy offered her a place with his Texas Wild Cats on their European tour for next summer.

The McKissacks came back to Texas. And Betsy Kiss (Her professional name) came, also. This 12-year old is too young to be away from her mother.

AROUND THE OFFICE
WITH PAD AND PENCIL

By Lola Chancellor

I'm sorry I ran out of town just as I was expected to make my debut on this page. Shall hereafter put "first things first." Of course it was really nothing at all to fly down to Miami for a few days of beautiful sunshine!!! (Wish I could go back). Carolyn and I had a wonderful time the four days there and thought of you and the ice and snow I left behind. Incidentally, you notice I brought you back a nice surprise -- the Florida weather.

Two of our future "Secretaries of Agriculture" are very busy these days, working by day and attending Dallas College at night. Our hats are off to our two members of Program Operations, Felix Segura and Bill Williamson, for their untiring efforts to improve, not only their own efficiency but the Department as a whole.

Irene Williams who is always helping someone else, consoling the bereaved, administering to the sick, sending a little cheer card, remembering a birthday, etc. is now back on the job. She has been recuperating from an operation performed on February 4th. Welcome back, Irene.

Word has been received that Rosemary Town's daughter, Patricia, was to have been married

Saturday morning, February 20th. Those of you who knew Rosemary will recall that Patricia is the daughter who had polio while her mother was with us. We are happy to know that she has fully recovered and wish her much happiness.

February has unanimously been voted the "Month of the Year" since it has the most important events, such as (1) shortest month of the year, (2) the most outstanding birthdays of the year--Abe Lincoln, 12th; Col. A.E. Morris, 16th (Happy birthday, Colonel); Henry Michael Perry, born in San Antonio on February 22, 1954 (Grandson of Colonel Morris) and George Washington, February 22nd.

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTIONS

Render a service of an outstanding nature; participate in extra-curricular activities that result in favorable employee-public recognition. Supervisors should recognize and report cases wherein employees demonstrate services of an outstanding nature or perform services which he considers exceptional or meritorious.

Supervisors should encourage the submission of employee suggestions for the improvement and simplification of operations resulting in greater efficiency and economy.

HE PROVED
HIS POINT

"Just to prove that feed would make them fat in Texas," Calvin Hughes of Austin, one of the oldest of the Travis County Cattlemen, once tied a string of heavyweight steers on Congress Avenue in Austin.

Mr. Hughes was recently made an honorary member of the Travis County Sheriff's Posse.

The oldtimer, who wears the almost obsolete long white beard, was featured lately in "The Austin Statesmen" beside Sheriff T. O. Lang, Posse President Joe Simmons and Secretary Howard Ayers. The latter is a brother to Dottie Bankston of CSS, Dallas.

For proving this fact Mr. Hughes is most worthy of the honor and publicity. Now there are no doubts.

APPROPRIATE GIFT?

Dental surgery laid Marshall Bond low last week.

His co-workers, a sympathetic group, sent via special delivery a get-well-quick card, also a package of proper delicacies--peanuts, pig skin fluffs, hard candies and chewing gum.

Delivery was made quietly at 12:30 a.m.

Marshall is greatly missed.

USDA CLUB AND EDITORIAL STAFF PAYS TRIBUTE TO UNASSUMING WORKER FOR UNSELFISH DEVOTION

Today, the staff has the honor to salute Lloyd R. Erwin, Fiscal Accountant, Accounts and Reports Unit, Accounting Section, CSS, for his unassuming devotion to duty and friends.

How often we work with someone for years without noticing any particularly outstanding qualities and then one day our eyes are opened by something so beautiful and wonderful, we wonder why we have never noticed that person before. Faith and character go hand in hand and in this respect, we find it expedient to salute one of our very own.

Lloyd is a quiet, unassuming young man. He is a veteran of World War II with 12 years of government service. He and his wife, Josephine, are very proud of their two fine youngsters and Lloyd is a proud collector of Indian relics. Ambitious and industrious, Lloyd built his own home at 1922 Lakeland Drive in Dallas.

A little peek into that very lovely home will reveal another reason for our tribute today. Josephine, his wife, is a victim of polio and although the battle is slowly being won, much attention and care is required. The financial burden that this has created has resulted in Lloyd having to work on Saturdays in another job. A colored maid helps out in the home while Lloyd is away, but he still manages to prepare breakfast and the evening meal.

Josephine has found that being confined to a wheel chair has not prevented her from being a very ambitious and industrious person. She makes baby shoes and sells greeting cards for all occasions. Lloyd is her salesman in this respect and one can always find a card selection in his desk drawer.

Now, dear reader, you have the idea. Here is a family that is taking life in stride. Rolling with the punches, proud and confident that faith and their own efforts will eventually bring them the joys of robust health and a contentment that comes from a job well done.

Lloyd carries many of his generous traits into his work and his co-workers often marvel at his kindness and thoughtfulness with those with whom he works. We salute you, Lloyd and Josephine. May happiness and joy be yours!

Now let's take a look at the fellow sitting next to you.

POLICY LEVEL IN OPERATION

MR. ROY HUTCHISON:

Do you know of anyone else who has stepped into our self-operating elevator and said, "Two, please?"

PMA CREDIT UNION ELECTS OFFICERS; DECLARES DIVIDENDS

By Neva Russell

Stockholders of the PMA Federal Credit Union held their annual meeting January 19, 1954 in the conference room at 3306 Main Street, Dallas, Texas.

Reports of the President and Treasurer showed the credit union to be in a very healthy condition. In fact, credit union operations could now be classed as "big business," having experienced a phenomenal growth in the last few years. Assets of the credit union total \$100,001.65. Two hundred and twenty loans were made during 1953 for a total of \$116,199.18.

At the annual meeting, stockholders declared a dividend of 5.4% and elected officers for the 1954 year. New directors elected were G. R. McPherson, G. H. Neely and Mary Nell Barnes. Holdover directors were R. B. Meyer and John Adams. At the first meeting of the board, Mr. Meyer was elected to serve as president, Mr. Neely, vice-president and Miss Barnes, treasurer and clerk.

New members of the credit committee elected by the stockholders were Marguerite Hawk and W. M. Dowlen. Holdover members of this committee were R. N. Richardson, Anne Montgomery and Hilda B. Warren. At the meeting of this committee, Mr. Richardson was elected chairman and Mrs. Montgomery secretary.

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CREDIT UNION ELECTS, ETC.

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Supervisory Committee members were Anne Morrow and Tom R. Daniels with A. C. Douglas serving as a holdover member. Mr. Douglas was elected by his committee to serve as chairman and Mrs. Morrow as secretary.

With the board of directors and committees composed of such personnel, the stockholders feel the credit union is in good hands for the coming year. They have every reason to believe the organization will continue to grow and prosper.

PMA CREDIT UNION IS A GOOD PLACE TO INVEST YOUR SAVINGS AND AN EVEN BETTER PLACE TO GO WHEN YOU NEED TO BORROW MONEY!

MR. PEANUT

By Harland Wright

The full impact of the assignment of commodities from New Orleans to Dallas is now being felt; the increased activity is especially felt in the lowly goober, with the sales of peanuts for export, awarding shelling contracts, and the movement to port. To date contracts have been awarded to 43 shellers in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia.

Movement of peanuts from warehouses to the shellers is very heavy and the shellers will be in full operation within the next few days. Of a lot of 50,206 tons of peanuts awarded on

shelling contracts, sale has been made of 36,980 tons of the shelled product for export for crushing. To give you some idea of quantity involved it will equal about 1345 car loads of 25 tons per car, or about 17 train loads. These cars will move to Panama City Florida; Savannah, Georgia and Norfolk, Virginia from Southeastern and Virginia-Carolina shellers to the above ports.

While the activity in the Southwest is on a smaller scale CCC has awarded sheller contracts on 5,833 tons of former stock peanuts to 12 shellers who are now operating. Of this quantity 4,400 tons have been sold for movement to the Port of Houston and represents about 156 car loads. In addition to the above, contracts are being awarded every week to crushers in the Southeast on a large quantity of peanuts. At the beginning we referred to the peanut as the lowly goober. We had in mind the day when only the choice peanuts were selected for roasting, while the Spanish Peanut and inferior quality were fed vine and all to the livestock. Who hasn't heard of the humped back double jointed Arkansas peanuts sold at the ball park? With the improvement in varieties, peanuts are now worth about \$200 per ton. Excuse us, Hello, Mr. Peanut.

Start your Employee Suggestion today. If it seems good to you give others the benefit of your knowledge.

TUESDAY MORNING GOSSIP

Authenticity verified by anonymous--

Our hearing aid was not functioning so well - but the jist of the conversation overheard on Tuesday morning after our long week-end holiday was as follows:

MCPHERSON: Well - Hutch, how was the fishing over the week-end?"

HUTCH: "Aw - Mr. McPherson - not too good - just a few sand bass - I believe there were 15 or 16 - enough for a pretty good mess. By the way - how did you make out?"

MCPHERSON: "Ah: ah: ah:--Hutch! If you really want to catch fish you should go to the various lakes in Canada, i.e. Lake of the Woods, Rainy Lake, Lake Rimiskaming, or Lake of a Thousand Islands."

HUTCH: "What's the matter, Mr. McPherson, why the sudden change? Wern'tt the fish biting at Lake Whitney?"

MEYER: "Haw, Haw, Haw! - We know where they are, Hutch! And can catch 'em too."
